Production of patriotic films

†2771. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) whether production of patriotic films has been reduced considerably in the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of patriotic films produced and broadcast by Doordarshan during the last three years till today; and

(d) whether Government propose to promote production of such films and put a check on production of action movies in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The film industry in India is almost entirely in the private sector and no data is centrally maintained on the genre of films made every year. However, the comments of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and Doordarshan have been obtained. CBFC have stated that there is no such category as "patriotic film" in the classification of films under which the certificates are issued. If at all, there are any patriotic movies they are included in the classification historical which may include other movies also. As such, no concrete reply pertaining to the number of films so produced can be given. Doordarshan have stated that they do not produce any feature films and the number of patriotic films telecast are 21 during the last three years till date over the Doordarshan National Network.

(d) It is the endeavour of the Government to encourage production of quality films in all categories. Organisations such as the National Film Development Corporation, Directorate of Film Festivals and Children Film Society, India play an important role in meeting this objective through financial support, Awards and film festivals at the national and regional levels.

LPT in Shimla

2772. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) whether LPT installed at Chirgaon in Shimla district does not cover people of five panchayats i.e. Ransar valley;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether despite repeated requests made by the local authorities/ local MPs in the matter, their pleas have been ignored;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to cover people in Ransar Valley by either upgrading the LPT installed in Chirgaon VLPT or by installing a new LPT in Sundrayali near Amboi Village in Shimla district;

(e) if so, by when the same would be implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Ransar Valley does not receive adequate TV coverage from VLPT, Chirgaon due to hilly terrain of the area.

Some requests have, in fact, been received for shifting the VLPT at Chirgaon from its present site in order to provide wider coverage. There is no proposal to shift this VLPT from its present site as it is likely to result in some areas being deprived of the TV coverage presently available there.

With the launch of Doordarshan's Free-to-Air Ku band (DTH) service "DD Direct Plus", multi-channel TV coverage has been provided in the entire country (except A&N Islands). It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country including the entire Shimla district with the help of a small dish receive unit. Currently, there is, therefore, no proposal either for upgradation of the existing transmitter or for installation of new transmitters.

Migration to western countries

2773. SHRI SITARAM YECHURRY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) whether the Migration of Indians to western countries increased after 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) which are the popular destinations for Indian Migrants and the number of migrants from 2000 to 2005?